

DECEMBER 2012

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Volunteering: BackBone Of Our Club

Every year we have numerous events, parties and special projects that take place in our club. These things do not happen by chance. Many hours of planning, setting up chairs and co-chairs to run the events. People selling tickets and conducting sign ups at Phlockings. People contracting for buses for day trips outside of the Villages. The rec centers where events are held need to be contracted through the Recreation department. Someone needs to do this, again a volunteer. You see members doing attendance at the Phlockings as members come into the country clubs where we have our meetings.

You see people volunteering at the Phins Up table selling and taking orders for Parrot Head shirts and items. The food that we collect at the Phlockings needs to be taken to the food pantry, again another volunteer using their vehicle to deliver the food collected.

Take time to go to the Habitat work site and again you will see Parrot Heads volunteering

their time to help a person less fortunate than themselves. Go to the warehouse in Leesburg at Christmas and again you will see Parrot Heads volunteering for Toys For Tots. This is just to name a few of what our volunteers do each year.

In 2012 our members volunteered over 10,000 hours to the club. Our 9 board members spend many hours monthly to make sure that we conduct the club in the manner as prescribed in the By-Laws. But again, we the board could not accomplish what we do without volunteers. You are all amazing, caring and wonderful people. If you haven't volunteered in the past, I asked that you do. It doesn't take much time and best of all you will feel good about helping your club continue to be the best Parrot Head club in the world.

Charlie Howlett -President TVPHC

EXCOMM ELECTION

See Pages #6 & #7 for details of December EXCOMM election



MEMBER ADVOCATE

Any member who has an issue with the Club or another member may seek resolution by contacting our Member Advocate, Bob Alosi (shown at left) at 751-4877 or bob_alosi@hotmail.com. All conversations are confidential. Bob will work with the parties or the EXCOMM to resolve the issue.

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Please visit our Website <http://www.thevillagesparrotheads.com/> to keep up with the latest news and information about our many activities each month and throughout the year.



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Charity Activities

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Construction Schedules

Address: 711 Pleasantdale Drive, Wildwood
Owner: Curtis Walters ***Vietnam Veteran***
Site Supervisor: Marv Baden



Note: This home was started in November and the Truss Setting was November 10th.

Ongoing Build Days: 5-10 volunteers per day every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8AM-Noon for next 10-12 weeks

Address: 113 Woodlane Avenue, Wildwood



Family: Otto & Jessie Williams

Site Supervisor: Ed Pick

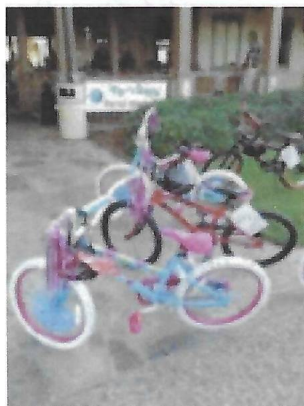
Note: This home was started in September and the truss setting was September 29th.

Ongoing Build Days: 5-10 Volunteers per day

Working every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8AM-Noon for next 8-10 weeks

Please note that volunteers need to call Mary Lou Mills at 352-552-2417 to register for the days they wish to work so the site supervisors know how many people to expect at the job site each day.

TOYS FORTOTS



The annual Toys For Tots drive final collection will be at the Palmer Phlocking December 5th..

Members are asked to donate new unwrapped toys. There will be a container at the Phlocking entrance. Checks for donations (which are tax deductible) made out to "The Villages Parrot Head Club" will also be accepted. This drive, conducted by the US Marine Corps Reserve, benefits needy children in the local tri-county area who otherwise might not get any presents for Christmas.



CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Items always needed:

Potato dishes, beef stew, canned meat, chili beans, crackers, dry pasta, french-fried onion rings, canned gravy, macaroni & cheese, dry soup mixes, pancake mix, syrup, canned milk, stuffing mix, tuna helper, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, carrots, canned chicken &

dumplings, canned chili, cooking oil, pork & beans, flour, canned fruit, hamburger helper, muffin mix, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti sauce, sugar, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dog food, cat food

Holiday Reminder: During the months of November and December, members will be asked to donate food items appropriate for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.



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Charity Activities

CRUISE PROCEEDS CHARITY PRESENTATIONS

Thursday, November 8th at 9:30AM, at the Lake Sumter Landing waterfront behind the WVLG radio station, the Club presented checks to representatives of the following organizations selected by the Charity Committee and the EXCOMM. The Club received over \$9100 back from commissions from the cruise in March and the EXCOMM added previously undesignated charity funds to bring the total to \$12,000.00

Recipients were:

Center Hill Children's Mission	\$1000
All-One-Family (for holiday food baskets)	\$1000
Caring Hands of Wildwood	\$1000
Operation Homebound	\$1000
Operation Helping Hand/MOAA Chapter	\$1000

Operation Shoebox	\$1000
Toys For Tots	\$500
Wildwood Soup Kitchen	\$500
Total for Presentations	\$7000

In addition, funds went separately to the following:

Wesley House	\$500
Zonta (Key West Cancer Group)	\$1000
*Scholarship Fund for local students	\$2000
**Organ Transplant Recipient	\$1500

Grand Total \$12,000

*Check presentation at Palmer Phlocking Dec 5th

**Funds raised by a raffle

Dollars For Scholars

The EXCOMM has decided to support a scholarship program for needy local students who want to pursue higher education, whether a community college, trade school or a university. The consensus is that this is an investment in the future of the community. To assure the best use of the funds, it was decided, with input from the Charity Committee, that the Dollars For Scholars organization is best able to administer the selection and follow up of scholarship candidates.

The first donation of \$2000 will be presented to a representative of Dollars For Scholars at the Palmer Phlocking Wednesday, December 5th.

Members may want to consider adding to this community project by designating funds to "Dollars For Scholars" through the club; for details contact our Treasurer, Will Stone (352-205-8846 or 352-461-3871).

VHA HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

The VHA helping Hands Program provides a large selection of durable medical equipment, such as wheel chairs and walkers, for VHA members to use at no cost during the time of their need. A volunteer will deliver to the home and pick up when the equipment is no longer needed. Members may also donate equipment to the Helping Hands Program. The Program Chairman is Bill Dyer @751-1192. A full list, with addresses and phone numbers may be found at www.thevha.net/helping-hands



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5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

No event scheduled for December due to the Holidays

EXCOMM MEETING

Monday, December 17 @9:00AM @Havana Country Club. Members are welcome to attend.

Future Club Events

*****Please note that event tickets will be on sale 60 days or 6 Phlockings prior to the event*****

Event flyers are available at Phlockings and on the club Website www.thevillagesparrotheads.com

2012 events

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 8 @Noon @The Polo Field
Parrot Heads will have decorated golf carts + walkers
Last signup at Palmer Phlocking

Dominick Diaz, Chair @750-4363
Lenore Steinecke, Asst Chair @631-561-7209

CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADES

Tuesday, December 11 @ dusk
Bill Firmery (753-3435) - North of 466
Gypsy Gincheru (430-2083) & Glenni
Kinder(259-3832) - South of 466

****Details to follow via email

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

8:30PM-12:30AM @Savannah Center
Jason & the Caribbean Chillers
Tickets \$12 on sale @Dec Phlockings
Shalda Nelson, Chair @259-2869
Joetta West, Asst. Chair @259-9314

PHLOCKINGS

Wednesday December 5
@ Palmer Country Club

Tuesday December 18
@ Havana Country Club

Wednesday December 19
@ Mallory Hill Country Club

All PHlockings begin at
4:00PM

Bring portable chairs in case we run out of seats at the Phlockings

Wear your Parrothead shirts and name tags

Please bring food items for the **CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** (See Pg #2 for suggested items)

2013 events

VALENTINE/SPRING FLING DANCE

Saturday, February 16, 2013 @ Seabreeze Rec Ctr
Tickets \$12.50 on sale in December @Havana Phlocking
Joyce Isaacson@750-4729

POKER RUN

Saturday, March 23, 2013 @Noon
Tickets (\$5/card) on sale in January. No limit on number of cards. Non-members welcome.

******BASKETS NEEDED:** please save and donate to the club. Call Carol O'Neal@751-0035 or Jean Howlett @259-8134 for details****

Poker stations will be at Palmer CC, Mallory Hill CC, Cody's, and Hacienda CC. Final station at Lord Lyall's Farm followed by prizes, raffle, auction and music.
Bob&Michelle Wilhite Co-Chairs @259-3715

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The celebration of our club's 10th Anniversary in 2013 will be a three day series of events:

Friday, April 19th	Polo Tailgate Party
Saturday, April 20th	Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, April 20th	Dinner Dance
Sunday, April 21st	Pool Party

Assisting Jan Brooks, Chair, are:

Gypsy Gincheru: Programs & Tickets
Glenni Kinder: Polo Tailgate
Bill Busker: Scavenger Hunt
Joyce VandeMaele: Anniversary Dinner
Joyce Isaacson: Decorations, Dinner
Carol O'Neal: Decorations, Dance
Bonnie Simpson: Entertainment
Glenni Kinder: Pool Party

Tickets on Sale in January-Details to follow



Out Of Town Events

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Saturday, January 12, 2013
Bus leaves Laurel Manor @9:00AM
\$45 PP Includes bus, admission to Tampa Bay Downs, luncheon buffet in private Party Suite, program, private cash bar and betting window
Debbie & Glenn Sobota, Chairs @633-2599

GASPARILLA PIRATE FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 26, 2013 Tampa Bay Parade
Tickets for sale in December
Bonnie Graham(459-1493) & Ruth Schaller(633-1750)
www.gasparillapiratefest.com

LEESBURG MARDI GRAS PARADE

Saturday February 9, 2013
Committee Mtgs 10/12, 11/9, 1/11
At Hacienda Hills CC @9:30AM

BEADS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE BRING BEADS YOU HAVE COLLECTED TO PHLOCKINGS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Ann Blanchard, Chair @750-6287



BILOXI BUS TRIP

2/24-2/27/2013 Beau Rivage Casino Resort+side trip to New Orleans and stop at Lulu's for lunch
Cost: \$400 per couple; \$305 Single; \$525 Triple
Reservations on sale at December Phlockings
Victoria Privott, Chair @757-869-8975
Marge Cuddy, Co-Chair @515-835-0143

MUSIC ON THE BAY

Friday-Sunday, February 28-March 3, 2013
Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach on Tampa bay
Many top Trop Rock Musicians. See website flyer
Sue Kermis @753-7709, Joe & Susie Dobrowolski @751-2566, Barb Hopper, @750-8082
Registration online at <http://musiconthebay.org/>

CRUISE

Saturday, April 27-Saturday, May 4, 2013
Sail from Port Canaveral on Carnival Dream
Larry & Judy Turner @753-4968
Reserve NOW for best rates.
See Travel Committee at any Phlocking
Currently, about 50 cabins are booked
[See flyer on Website](#)

LAKE PARADISE CLEANUP

The **last Tuesday** of each month, Cori Purdom (352-643-0838) leads a cleanup of the area around Lake Paradise. Volunteers meet next to the Dog Park across the bridge from Spanish Springs at 10:00AM for the one-hour task. Bring covered shoes and gloves.



Membership News

Membership Renewals for 2013 will take place starting at the Palmer Phlocking December 5th. New members may also join in December for 2013.

Current members do not need to fill out an application form; the forms are pre-printed and only need to be signed at the membership table.

All members, whether renewal or new, must sign an application form and membership badges must be picked up by the member (cannot be picked up by someone else). New badges will be issued to all members due to the new club logo which is effective in January.

December Election Candidates

Lori Hollister

Candidate for Secretary, Villages resident since May 2012, Lori is a licensed California attorney who still works remotely from her home in The Villages. She has served as secretary of a number of organizations. She worked her way through Law School as a secretary and legal assistant. She has been attending EXCOMM meetings to learn how the Club functions.



Skip Todd, Lori Hollister, Lee Caron, Bonnie Simpson, Ren Titus

Bonnie Simpson

Bonnie is the current Secretary and is seeking re-election. Bonnie has been a member of The Parrot Heads for eight years and Secretary for the past two years.

Night Golf

Thursday night, November 29th, the final Parrot Head golf event of the year was held at the Saddlebrook Golf Course. 64 golfers gathered at 5:30PM for this popular event, chaired this year by Carol O'Neal.

The winners were:

1st Place @-2: Gypsy Ginchereau, Ren Titus, Don & MiAea Hood, Sue & Lee Caron and Elda & Kevin McLaughlin

2nd Place @+1: Sue & Gary Renshaw, Sherri Reinlie, Gerry Rigdon, Bill & Julie Harris and Bob & Annette Campbell

3rd Place @+1: Larry & Cindy Nepple, Dick & Marge Cuddy, Kim & Bob Munro and Sue & Tim Robinson



EXCOMM NEWS

OFFICE	PHONE # E-Mail	TERM EXPIRES
PRESIDENT Charlie Howlett	259-8134 Ckhrealtor@msn.com	6/30/2013
VICE PRESIDENT Lee Caron	259-1722 Chryparts@aol.com	12/31/2012
TREASURER Will Stone	205-8846 Will1005sue@aim.com	6/30/2013
SECRETARY Bonnie Simpson	259-9586 Bgsimp@comcast.net	12/31/2012
MEMBERSHIP JoAnne Heckman	259-2901 heckmanja@comcast.net	6/30/2013
VOLUNTEER TRUSTEE Ren Titus	751-1282 rtitus@thevillages.net	12/31/2012
COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUSTEE Jan Brooks	751-1763 Brooksdjdj@Hotmail.com	6/30/2013
EVENTS TRUSTEE Paul Kinder	259-3832 paulfkinder722@aol.com	12/31/2012
MEDIA TRUSTEE Bob O'Neal	751-0035 boneal1939@gmail.com	6/30/2013

December Election

The terms of the following EXCOMM positions expire December 31, 2012. Nominations of candidates for these offices were accepted through October 31, 2012.

The candidates were presented to the members at the November Phlockings.

Elections will be held at the December Phlockings for the terms beginning January 1, 2013.

The candidates for offices are:

- 1) Vice President: Lee Caron
- 2) Secretary: Bonnie Simpson
Lori Hollister
- 3) Volunteer Trustee: Ren Titus
- 4) Events Trustee: Skip Todd

Members who will not be able to attend the December Phlockings may vote by email to Bob Alosi (bob-alosi@hotmail.com)

These positions are vital to the operation of the Club, and we ask all members to participate in the election and support of the candidates.

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

The EXCOMM will host a Volunteer Appreciation Gathering January 21, 2013 at Mallory Hill Country Club @4:00PM to thank the members of our club who have volunteered for any of the numerous events held during the year. Members having volunteer points through September 30, 2012 will be invited to attend.

416 members received volunteer points for the fiscal year ending September 30th.

139 members were first time volunteers this year.